

## *Commanding Officer, ISC Portsmouth*

### *Captain Steven J. Andersen*



Captain Steve Andersen grew up in Vienna, Virginia, leaving in 1980 for his first year of college as a Navy ROTC midshipman at the University of South Carolina. One year later he entered U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he graduated in 1985 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He specialized in surface operations for his first nine years in the Coast Guard, starting out as a student engineer on the CGC STEADFAST, then located in St. Petersburg, Florida. He later commanded the CGC CAPE KNOX, a 95-foot patrol boat located in Charleston, SC. His final afloat tour was in command of the CGC STURGEON BAY, a 140-foot icebreaking tug

located on Governor's Island, New York and with icebreaking responsibilities on the Hudson River between New York City and Albany. In between those assignments he was the patrol boat facility manager at Coast Guard Headquarters.

He entered the Coast Guard legal program upon graduation from George Mason University Law School in 1997. He spent the next four years as a judge advocate and Assistant Legal Officer at the Seventh District Office in Miami. While there he was selected as the 2001 Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. For the next three years, he was the senior operational law attorney for Atlantic Area and the Fifth District, and in 2003 he was selected by the Judge Advocates Association as the Outstanding Career Armed Services Attorney. Most recently he was assigned as Deputy Chief of the Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic Legal Division, the Coast Guard's largest field legal office. Captain Andersen was designated a military judge in 2004 and is a member of the Virginia State Bar.

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